

**MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH REFORM TASK FORCE**

Thursday, October 20, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. – Room 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. James A. Dunnigan, House Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy

Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Edward H. Redd
Rep. Dean Sanpei

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
Ms. Cathy Dupont, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Lori Rammell, Legislative Assistant

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Task Force Business

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 1:27 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2016, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Adams, Sen. Davis, and Rep. Kennedy were absent for the vote.

2. Workgroup Report

Rep. Dunnigan reported that the task force's Managed Care Workgroup is making progress, but that there are issues yet to be worked out. He said the workgroup is planning to meet again on November 10 in a combined meeting with the task force's Network Adequacy/Surprise Billing Workgroup.

3. Future of the SHOP

Ms. Patty Conner, Director, Office of Consumer Health Services, reported on insurance carrier and enrollee participation in Avenue H and options for running the Affordable Care Act's Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) in Utah in the future.

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved that the task force recommend the state notify the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that the state no longer wants to operate a state-based SHOP exchange. As part of the subsequent transition plan, the state would request that the state be allowed to retain the plan management function for the SHOP and that the federal government implement a direct-to-carrier purchasing model. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Rep. Dunnigan instructed staff to prepare a letter to the governor informing him of the task force's decision.

4. Cost and Coverage Update

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, presented "Medicaid Expansion: Cost Update" and provided updated estimates of the cost and coverage impacts of expanding Medicaid eligibility. He responded to a question from the committee regarding the possible date of implementation for the state's Medicaid expansion, Health Coverage Improvement Program (2016 H.B. 437).

Mr. Nate Checketts, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Health, responded to a question from the committee regarding who would qualify for the 90/10 match if the state were to fully expand Medicaid.

5. Medicaid Dental Services

Mr. Checketts distributed "Dental – Managed Care and Fee for Service (FFS)" and compared the cost of providing Medicaid dental services under managed care with the cost of providing the same services under a fee for service model. At the request of the task force, Mr. Checketts indicated that he would supply the task force with additional information on provider participation, reimbursement, and utilization.

6. All-Payers Claims Database – Response to Proposed Federal Rule

Dr. Norman Thurston, Director, Office of Health Care Statistics, Utah Department of Health, distributed and highlighted the contents of "Summary of Comments," which summarizes a written response prepared by the National Academy of State Health Policy in collaboration with the All-Payer Claims Database Council and the National Association of Health Data Organizations to a United States Department of Labor proposed regulation that has the potential to affect states' ability to collect health insurance claims data from self-insured entities in the wake of a recent United States Supreme Court Case, *Gobeille v. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company*.

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved that the task force send a letter to the United States Department of Labor, and encourage legislative leadership to send a separate letter, in support of the comments prepared by the National Academy of State Health Policy. The vote in favor was unanimous with Sen. Adams absent for the vote.

7. Adjourn

Rep. Gibson moved to adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous with Sen. Adams absent for the vote.

Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.